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Letter dated 31 January 2018 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

The ceremony, held on 2 January 2018, at which the national flags of the newly-elected members of the Security Council were solemnly installed at the entrance to the Security Council Chamber, was most warmly received by the incoming Security Council ambassadors and their delegations. This innovative practice would not have been possible without your support and the able assistance of the Secretariat. We are grateful to you and the Protocol and Liaison Service, as well as to the relevant staff of the Departments of Political Affairs, Safety and Security, and Public Information, for their assistance in making the ceremony an unquestioned success.

Kazakhstan introduced the flag installation ceremony during its Presidency in January, which coincided with the start of the new term for incoming non-permanent Council members. The aim was to recognize the trust that the international community has placed in these six countries to uphold the ideals of the Charter of the United Nations and contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security. The ceremony was also a fitting occasion at which to commend the dedicated efforts of the outgoing members, which have left their mark on the Council through their outstanding work. The ceremony followed proper protocol by honouring the Governments of the new Council members, which had been chosen by the wider United Nations membership to act on their collective behalf in addressing the main security challenges facing the world today.

The members of the Security Council are united in the conviction that, with the continued support of the Secretariat, the flag installation ceremony each January will become a meaningful annual tradition.

Your personal support in this endeavour would reinforce the important contribution that the elected Council members make to further the purposes and ideals for which the United Nations stands.

(*Signed*) Kairat **Umarov**
Ambassador

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Letter dated 19 March 2018 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 6 March 2018 in which you concurred with my proposal to appoint Elizabeth Ibanda-Nahamya (Uganda) as a judge of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to replace Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa (Uganda), who resigned effective 11 March 2018.

I have received a corresponding letter from the President of the General Assembly (see annex). Accordingly, I am proceeding to appoint Ms. Ibanda-Nahamya as a judge of the Mechanism with immediate effect.

In accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Mechanism, the appointment of Judge Ibanda-Nahamya is effective for the remainder of the term of office that Judge Bossa would have served, that is, until 30 June 2018.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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Annex

Letter dated 14 March 2018 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 1 March 2018 concerning the nomination of Elizabeth Ibanda-Nahamya (Uganda) as a judge of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to replace Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, who resigned effective 11 March 2018, following her election as a judge of the International Criminal Court.

Pursuant to article 10, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Mechanism and in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the same statute, I have reviewed the qualifications of Ms. Ibanda-Nahamya and I am pleased to inform you that I hereby concur with the proposed appointment.

(*Signed*) Miroslav **Lajčák**